REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that the drawings filed on June 26, 2003 are accepted.

Applicants also thank the Examiner for acknowledging the references illustrated on the first page of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on June 26, 2003, as evidenced by the signed forms PTO-1449. Applicants note, however, that the Examiner has not initialed next to the references illustrated on the second page of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on June 26, 2003. Thus, the Examiner is respectfully requested to provide Applicants with an initialed second page.

Claims 1-16 are all the claims now pending in this application. Claims 17 and 18 are canceled by this Amendment. Selected claims are amended to further clarify the invention and not to overcome the rejection. The Office Action has been reviewed and, in view of the foregoing amendments and following comments, reconsideration and allowance of all the rejected claims are respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Wolfe, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,507,817). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection on the following basis.

Independent claims 1 and 9 essentially recite the features of including at least one parameter set by at least one user as a trigger condition, determining whether the at least one parameter has been satisfied, and enabling the at least one service to initiate a communication

session with the at least one user when the at least one parameter has been satisfied, among other things. In an exemplary embodiment, a scheduling condition or other predetermined condition for the voice service is monitored to determine when the service is to be executed (see the specification at page 67, lines 7-8). A user may schedule a voice service to execute according to a date, a time of day, a day of the week, etc. and thus the scheduling condition will be a date, a time of day, a day of the week, etc., either once or on a recurring basis (see the specification at page 67, lines 10-12).
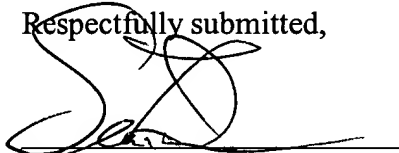
In contrast, Wolfe et al. is directed to a web-based voice messaging system that uses an application server configured for executing a voice application defined by XML documents (see the Abstract). Wolfe et al. disclose that "once the submitting party posts the form to the web server 64', the CGI parses the form to determine status and generates a message (e.g., e-mail) to the approving party specified in the completed form using database APIs 82 (e.g., SMTP service for storage of e-mail messages in IMAP 86)" (see Wolfe et al., col. 6, lines 14-18). Wolf et al. is therefore at least deficient because it does not disclose or suggest including at least one parameter *set by the user* as a trigger condition. Furthermore, Wolf et al. does not teach or suggest determining whether the at least one parameter has been satisfied and enabling the at least one service to initiate a communication session with the at least one user when the at least one parameter has been satisfied. As a result, Applicants claimed subject matter is distinguished from Wolf et al.'s disclosure.

Since Wolf et al. neither discloses nor suggests the invention claimed in independent claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-8 or the invention claimed in independent claim 9 and its dependent claims 10-16, these claims clearly are not anticipated by Wolf et al. For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of these claims are requested.

Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number provided.

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